

APPENDIX C

(Marked Up Version of Amended Claims)

MARKED-UP VERSION OF AMENDED CLAIMS:

1 1. (Amended) A gun rest[,] comprising:
2 a plate [containing] having a first end section, a second end section and an
3 intermediate section, wherein the plate is bent at the intermediate section such that an
4 interior angle from about [30°] 90° to about [90°] 150° is formed between [the plane
5 formed by] the first end section of the plate and [the plane formed by] the second end
6 section of the plate; and
7 an opening formed in the first end section of the plate though which a shaft
8 may be inserted;
9 wherein the opening is configured and arranged to allow selective adjustment
10 of the plate's position along the length of the shaft.

1 2. (Amended) The gun rest according to claim 1, wherein the opening is
2 generally tear-dropped in shape with the point of the tear-drop aligned towards the first end
3 section and the round end of the tear-drop aligned towards the second end section of the
4 plate.

1 10. (Amended) The gun rest according to claim 9, wherein the mounting
2 bracket[,] comprises:
3 a first pressure plate[,] connectively attached to a second pressure plate with
4 a tightener; and
5 a receptacle permanently attached to the first pressure plate, which forms a
6 generally cylindrical cavity perpendicular to the first pressure plate.

1 12. (Amended) A method for improving the accuracy of a sportsman, the
2 method comprising the following steps:
3 providing a gun rest which comprises a plate [containing] having a first end
4 section, a second end section and an intermediate section, wherein the plate is bent at [he]
5 the intermediate section such that an interior angle from about [30°] 90° to about [90°]
6 150° is formed between [the plane formed by] the first end section of the plate and [the
7 plane formed by] the second end section of the plate; and an opening formed in the first end
8 section of the [place] plate such that a shaft may be inserted through the opening;
9 providing a shaft [containing] having a first end section and a second end
10 section;

11 inserting [the first end section of] the shaft through the opening in the gun
12 rest;
13 placing the second end section of the shaft upon a surface;
14 slidably adjusting the position of the gun rest on the shaft to the desired
15 height;
16 placing the forearm of a firearm on the gun rest at the intermediate section
17 such that the forearm of the firearm is cradled between the first end section of the plate and
18 the second end section of the plate.

1 13. (Amended) The [gun rest according to] method of claim 12, wherein the
2 opening is generally tear-dropped in shape with the point of the tear-drop aligned towards
3 the first end section of the plate and the round end of the tear-drop aligned towards the
4 second end section of the plate.

1 14. (Amended) The [gun rest according to] method of claim 13, wherein teeth
2 are located around at least a portion of the perimeter of the opening.

1 15. (Amended) The [gun rest according to] method of claim 13, wherein at
2 least a portion of the opening is covered by at least one flexible gripping aid.

1 16. (Amended) The [gun rest according to] method of claim 15, wherein the
2 at least one flexible gripping aid contains a slit.

1 17. (Amended) The [gun rest according to] method of claim 12, wherein the
2 gun rest further [comprising] comprises a retaining device for securing the gun rest to the
3 shaft.

1 18. (Amended) The [gun rest according to] method of claim 17, wherein the
2 retaining device is a loop formed onto the second end section of the plate.

1 19. (Amended) The [gun rest according to] method of claim 17, wherein the
2 retaining device is an opening formed into the second end section of the plate.

1 20. (Amended) The [gun rest according to] method of claim 12, wherein the
2 gun rest further [comprising] comprises a mounting bracket such that the shaft may be fixed
3 to a surface.

1 21. (Amended) The [gun rest according to] method of claim 20, wherein the
2 mounting bracket[,] comprises:
3 a first pressure plate[,] connectively attached to a second pressure plate with
4 a tightener; and
5 a receptacle permanently attached to the first pressure plate, which forms a
6 generally cylindrical cavity perpendicular to the first pressure plate.

1 22. (Amended) The [gun rest according to] method of claim 21, wherein the
2 tightener is a nut and bolt.

1 23. (Amended) A gun rest[,] comprising:
2 a plate [containing] having a first end section, a second end section, an
3 intermediate section and two sides extending between the first end section and the second
4 end section, wherein the plate is bent at the intermediate section such that an interior angle
5 from about [30°] 90° to about [90°] 150° is formed between [the plane formed by] the first
6 end section of the plate and [the plane formed by] the second end section of the plate; and
7 an opening formed in the first end section of the plate, wherein the opening
8 [commutes with] extends to one side of the plate.

1 24. (Amended) The gun rest according to claim 23, wherein the opening is
2 generally tear-dropped in shape with the point of the tear-drop aligned towards the first end
3 section and the round end of the tear-drop aligned towards the second end section of the
4 plate.